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GOVERNOR TO SIGN PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DPS/ARIZONA HIGHWAY PATROL

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is celebrating 75 years since the Arizona Highway Patrol was established back in 1931. To kick off the celebration, Governor Janet Napolitano will be signing of a proclamation recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Arizona Highway Patrol / Arizona Department of Public Safety. The ceremony will be held in the House Chambers of the old Capitol Building, Thursday, March 16th at 2:30 p.m.

The month of March was chosen because the original bill establishing the Arizona Highway Patrol was passed exactly 75 years earlier to the month. The Arizona Highway Patrol eventually became a division within the Arizona Department of Public safety in July 1969.

This proclamation will declare the first week of July as "Anniversary Week" for the 75th anniversary of the Arizona Department of Public Safety and Division of the Highway Patrol, and for the purpose of giving the citizens of the state the opportunity to celebrate this historic occasion by honoring the heritage of this proud law enforcement agency.